

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

238 "Brush Your Teeth"

By Scott Farley

Question: Why do we brush our teeth?

Answer: To keep our teeth healthy and prevent germs and decay.

Logline: When Ari forgets to brush his teeth because he's too busy retrieving his toy robot out of harm's way, he learns that neglecting his oral health can also be harmful.

Scientist: Kimberly Willard

PRIMARY GOALS

HW3. Personal and Community Health and Safety e. Explain why the transmission of germs may be harmful to health.
f. Understand the importance of hygiene.
g. Demonstrate behaviors to prevent illness including washing hands, sneezing or coughing in your elbow, using and throwing away tissues, drinking water, wearing appropriate clothing for the weather.
[Ari, Elinor, and Olive learn how bacteria (a type of germ) can be harmful to their oral health. They learn that taking care of their oral hygiene prevents harmful health issues such as cavities, and that the act of brushing our teeth is important behavior we can learn to prevent issues.]

HW2. Growth and Development

b. Identify trusted adults who promote healthy growth and development (e.g. Physicians, nurses, dentists, and optometrists).
[Ari, Elinor, and Olive learn the importance of dentists and that they are a trusted figure.]

MAINS: Ari, Elinor, Olive

SECONDARIES: Mr. Raccoon, Mrs. Beaver, Dr. Ram.

LOCATIONS: Ari's House, Bakery, Dentist office

PROPS: Mr. Robot, Bread Slicer, Gate and Paint. Big tooth and toothbrush, dental cement, dentist's chair.

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DR. RAM is a parent to triplets (age 40). He's a dentist and a total teeth nerd! Teeth get him very-very excited. He's also very playful and funny, he wants all kids to LOVE the dentist's office!

DR. RAM

HELLO Kidderoos! Doing alright?

ARI

My robot is broken, Dr. Ram. And it is covered in this weird orange dust.

Dr. Ram examines the robot.

DR. RAM

That orange dust is rust - it sometimes happens when you leave metal outside.

ARI

<GASP!> That's what must have happened to Mr. Robot. It's okay, Mr. Robot. You're safe now.

DR. RAM

It looks like your robot could use a good brushing. Speaking of, have you kids been brushing your teeth?

ELINOR / OLIVE

You bet! / Twice a day!

ARI

Ummm mostly yes. But today no. I forgot. I was busy trying to rescue Mr. Robot but...I was too late.

DR. RAM

I'm sorry about your robot Ari, But remember if you don't take care of your teeth, they might end up looking just like Mr. Robot.

The kids look at each other.

ELINOR

How is that Dr. Ram?

DR. RAM

Come on in and I'll show ya!

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